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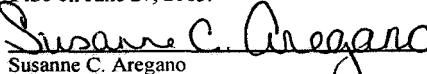
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants' amend the above-captioned patent application without prejudice as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph in toto beginning at page 1, line 2 and replace with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a divisional (DIV) application of USSN 09/929,501, filed August 14, 2001, and entitled: PRESSURE MEASURING DEVICE which is a continuation in part (CIP) of USSN 09/669,474 (U.S. Patent No. 6,422,086 issued July 23, 2002) filed September 25, 2000.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-10.

Please amend Claims 11-15 and 21-23 as follows:

11. (Amended) A pressure measuring device comprising:

a housing having an upper portion and a lower portion, said lower portion including at least one engagement end that is directly couplable to an inflatable blood pressure sleeve to permit fluid communication therebetween without hoses or tubing.